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## Man Charged in Five Slayings Dies in Prison

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A man charged with killing five people in two counties and then attempting suicide has died in prison 22½ years later.

Alan Curtis Dorris, 54, died of natural causes Saturday at Unit 30 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman.

Dorris had been serving three life sentences, two from Washington County and one from Hinds County, for homicide/murder since Aug. 27, 1993.

Dorris, then 32, shot and killed two men and a teenager in a bar near Jackson, and then killed an elderly woman and her son in their Greenville home in July 1993, authorities said at the time.

Dorris later was found lying outside his truck at a roadside park in Arkansas with a gunshot wound to the mouth. Officials said he confessed to the killings in two notes found with him.

The victims were Ronald R. Johnson, 41, of Brandon; William Massey, 33, of Lena; and Stacey Cooksey, 16, of Florence, all killed in the bar; and Reta Hobart, 75, and Thomas Hobart Jr., 35, who were killed in their home.

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